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THE HISTORY OF COLEMAN HALL

Learn about the history of Coleman Hall and about the man it is named after.

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The Eastern baseball team is moving through the fall with a mix of veterans and new faces.

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Quick News

Bowling event scheduled for Wednesday

By Heather Suarez
Staff Reporter | @DEN_news

Each day of Homecoming features different activities with certain adjustments to encourage social distancing.

On Wednesday, September 30th from 6 to 8 PM in the Martin Luther King Jr. Union Bowling Lanes, there will be Cosmic Bowling.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, registration is required beforehand so students can participate while maintaining Eastern's social distancing guidelines. As long as everyone adheres to the guidelines, it is possible to have a fun in-person experience.

For this event you can invite a friend along it's restricted to only one registration per person due to time constraints.

This event will be free to all students, along with shoe rental and games. Drinks will be provided, and special door prizes will be given out.

To sign up for this event, first you must go to the 2020 EIU Homecoming page, then click on the events tab. Here you can see all the events planned for this year's Homecoming.

Then scroll down to Wednesday's events. Once there, click on the appropriate option and that will take you to a page that gives a brief explanation of the event, and once there simply click the 'Register Here' option and this is where you'll sign up for the event.

The times are broken down into twenty-minute intervals. Sign up quickly though, because space is limited and it's on a first come first serve basis.

Along with Cosmic Bowling, a second event will be Sweet Treats, which will last all day; it's a way for students to thank staff and faculty for going forth and working for this school, community, and students alike.

These treats will be Chocolate bars -prewrapped and delivered on Wednesday. The Sweet Treats commemorate Homecoming, along with the staff that makes events like these possible.

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Discussion of Pemberton's history set for Thursday

Staff Report | @DEN_news

Eastern will feature an event called "The Curious History of Pemberton Hall" Thursday at

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Making blankets on the quad



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Hope Folk (left), a freshman communications major, and Cheyenne Hollowell (right), a freshman history education major teamed up with Civic Engagement to make blankets for those in need on the Library Quad Tuesday afternoon.

Booth's name honors former librarian

By Elizabeth Taylor
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Eastern's Booth Library is named in honor of Miss Mary Josephine Booth, who was the head librarian from 1904 to 1945.

Miss Booth was mentioned often in the Normal School News and later the Teacher's College News which each covered Eastern when it was still considered a "normal," or teachers' school.

At that time, the paper ran a "personal" column which gave updates on when and where random students had been doing things.

Booth was very active, whether she was finding resources for graduating students, travelling to librarian conferences or just visiting neighboring cities.

She did interrupt her work as a librarian for some time during World War I.

In 1917, she was issued a passport and moved to Paris, France, where she joined the Women's Overseas Service League, the American Association of University Women and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She also volunteered with the Red Cross and served on into 1918.

After the war, she returned home to Charleston and continued to work at the library.

Booth seemed to be a well-liked figure on campus and was frequently referenced in the newspaper as an attendee at dinner parties.

On January 12th, 1937, the Teacher's College News referenced her love of cats in a brief feature story.

"'Card Cat-ologue' Booth was seen last week to surreptitiously pick up a stray maltise [sic] cat which wandered in the library door and to carry it into her office for a few moment's companion-



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Mary Booth and library director Roscoe Schaupp look at a portrait of Booth during the dedication of Booth Library in 1950.

ship," the article said. "Librarians, knowing Miss Booth's weakness for stray cats and curs, pay no attention to them when they wander into the library."

Construction for Booth Library began on October 25th, 1948; Booth herself helped spread the mortar for the cornerstone. She also officially opened the doors two years later on May 27th, 1950.

The original library building was two stories tall with a partial third floor.

The ground floor included a music room, an art gallery, a lecture room, a lounge, soundproof listening rooms and a kitchen.

The second floor was home to reference and re-

serve reading rooms, the librarians office, a delivery room, a catalogue room and microfilm and typing rooms.

The stack room had enough space for 140,000 volumes, with plans to add two floors if necessary.

The library annex opened its doors in 1968; it added capacity for around 300,000 more volumes, as well as more seating for visitors.

The building was renovated in 1999, raising total volume capacity to over a million books.

The annex and original library building were also merged and the original façade was restored.

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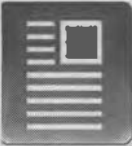
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STATE NEWS

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GOP members grill ComEd exec on Madigan's role in bribery scheme

By Sarah Mansur
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois House Republicans on a special committee investigating House Speaker Michael Madigan's role in a bribery scheme involving Commonwealth Edison sought to tie the longtime leader directly to the \$1.3 million in payments over nearly a decade made by the utility giant to his associates.

Tuesday's hearing kicked off with a clash between committee Chairman Rep. Emanuel "Chris" Welch, D-Hillside, and House Minority Leader Jim Durkin, R-Western Springs, who initiated the disciplinary process under House rules.

Welch argued that Durkin could not make an opening statement since he is not a committee member and because he signed a petition accusing Madigan of wrongdoing.

Welch ultimately allowed Durkin to give an opening statement, but not to question the witness.

In his opening statement, Durkin said the evidence will establish that Madigan engaged in "conduct unbecoming to a legislator or which constitutes a breach of public trust."

"The evidence will be direct, strong and convincing," Durkin said. "And we'll meet the burden of proof for this committee — that is whether reasonable grounds exist to authorize charges."

"Speaker Michael Madigan abused his office. Speaker Michael Madigan abused the public's trust."

He said Republican members of the committee will attempt to subpoena Michael McClain, a close associate



Rep. Emanuel "Chris" Welch, D-Hillside, chairs the Special Investigating Committee of House Speaker Michael Madigan Tuesday.

of Madigan who is implicated in the bribery scheme.

One of those Republican members, Rep. Deanne Mazzochi, of Elmhurst, questioned ComEd Executive Vice President of Compliance and Audit David Glockner to establish Madigan's firsthand knowledge of a scheme from 2011 and 2019 seeking to "influence and reward" the House Speaker for legislation that would provide monetary benefits of more than \$150 million to the utility.

In July, as part of a deferred prosecution agreement with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Chicago, ComEd admitted it arranged for associates of

Madigan "to obtain jobs, vendor subcontracts, and monetary payments associated with those jobs and subcontracts from ComEd, even in instances where certain political allies and workers performed little or no work that they were purportedly hired to perform for ComEd."

Madigan has not been charged with any crime and denies wrongdoing.

Mazzochi asked Glockner about a section in the DPA that stated that "Consultant 1," identified as former City Club of Chicago President Jay Doherty, "had 'every reason to believe' that Individual A had spoken to Public Official A about the retention

of Public Official A's associates," the agreement states.

"Is it reasonable to infer that Mr. Madigan had knowledge of the scheme from that, from ComEd's perspective?" Mazzochi asked.

Glockner said he wasn't in a position to comment on that inquiry.

"ComEd has acknowledged repeatedly through the agreement that it believed or intended to influence the speaker through its conduct. Whether it in fact ... influenced the speaker, whether the speaker was aware of its intent to influence — those are questions that I'm not in a position to comment on," Glockner said.

Committee focuses on drug penalty reform, parole for elderly people

By Raymon Troncoso
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Senate Criminal Law Committee and Special Committee on Public Safety held the latest in a series of hearings related to the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus' legislative agenda Tuesday, focusing on reclassifying offenses, drug penalty reform and elderly parole.

"We must confront the vast disparities in how individuals throughout the state are sentenced," state Sen. Elgie Sims, a Chicago Democrat and chair of the Senate Criminal Law Committee, said. "We have to ensure that our justice system treats everyone fairly regardless of their race, religion and economic status. That often is not the case. These issues are important to achieve a more fair and equitable system."

Witnesses testifying before the committee included Tanya Woods, executive director of the Westside Justice Center; Champaign County State's Attorney Julia Rietz; White County State's Attorney Denton Aud; Ben Ruddell, director of criminal justice policy for the Illinois ACLU; and representatives from Restore Justice Illinois.

Witnesses generally agreed that changes made to reduce penalties for crimes involving cannabis, along with the expungement of minor cannabis-related drug crimes following marijuana legaliza-



State Sen. Elgie Sims, D-Chicago, speaks at a hearing of the Illinois Senate Criminal Law Committee and Special Committee on Public Safety Tuesday which was conducted virtually.

tion last year, were positive steps forward.

Ruddell noted the war on drugs and drug crimes in general have harshly impacted Black Americans more than any other demographic.

"In 1980 our prison population was 11,768. Today it stands at more than 30,000. Despite a decades-long decline in the overall crime rate, data shows that increased drug arrests by the police and the enactment of punitive sentencing policies for drug offenses were major drivers in the spike in incarceration," Ruddell said.

In 2018, Ruddell said, 60 percent of those arrested for a drug crime in Illinois were Black.

"While Black Illinoisans make up 14.5 percent of the state's population, they make up 54.8 of those in prison and are imprisoned at 8.8 times the rate of whites, one of the worst disparities of any state," he said.

Isolated to drug crimes, the disparities are larger. Between 2016 and 2018, Black Illinoisans made up 69 percent of drug offenders admitted to the Illinois Department of Corrections, and 59 percent of strictly cannabis offenders.

Ruddell suggested three reforms to combat these disparities: reduction of all drug crimes by one class; reclassification of felony possession to a misdemeanor; and elimination of mandatory mini-

mums and sentence enhancements. Lawmakers discussed the third point in a previous joint hearing.

Wendell Robinson, from Restore Justice Illinois, said as a juvenile he was sentenced to life in prison for violent crimes. Robinson served more than 25 years before being released in 2018 after a 2012 Supreme Court decision that made mandatory life sentences without parole for juvenile offenders unconstitutional.

Robinson cited a Justice Policy Institute study of 200 elderly prisoners in Maryland who were jailed as juveniles and released as result of a ruling by the Maryland Supreme Court. The median age of the individuals was 64 and they had served 34 years on average. Over a 6-year period upon release, the group had a 3 percent recidivism rate. That was far lower than the national average of 43 percent of those released from prison being incarcerated again, according to a 2011 Pew research study.

The hearing was the fifth prompted by Black Caucus' push to promote its agenda, which is based on four pillars: Criminal justice reform, violence and police accountability; education and workforce development; economic access, equity and opportunity; and health care and human services.

The caucus plans to advance legislation to address each pillar during the upcoming veto session, which is scheduled for Nov. 17-19 and Dec. 1-3.

STATE NEWS

Capitol News Illinois

Northwest Illinois headed for more mitigations

By Peter Hansock
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – A staffer who recently traveled with Gov. JB Pritzker has tested positive for COVID-19, prompting the governor and others to self-isolate for a period of two weeks, his office announced Tuesday.

The unnamed staffer tested negative last Wednesday during weekly testing, but was tested again Monday after showing symptoms and was confirmed positive.

According to the governor's office, the staffer attended events with Pritzker on Wednesday in Chicago, Thursday in Marion and Sunday in Marseilles. Contact tracing efforts have begun and event organizers at those locations have been contacted.

Those who had contact with the staffer will isolate for 14 days, and all staff who report to the governor's office must test negative before returning to work, according to a news release. A spokesperson for the governor said everyone who works in the office was tested after the positive result was revealed, and they were all negative.

The governor still plans to hold occasional COVID-19 updates, according to his office. When a staffer tested positive earlier this year, the governor did so virtually.

Meanwhile, Region 1 of the state's reopening plan saw a second straight day with a COVID-19 test positivity rate exceeding 8 percent, according to the most recent data for Saturday, Sept. 26, as it in-



Gov. JB Pritzker dons a mask at a news conference in Springfield earlier this year. One of his staffers tested positive this week, so the governor is self-isolating for 14 days.

creased to 8.3 percent. Later Tuesday, the governor's office announced the region would see increased mitigations starting Saturday, Oct. 3, due to the rising rate of spread.

"The concerning uptick in Region 1's positivity -- jumping more than two percentage points in two weeks even as the majority of Illinois continues to see downward trends -- demands increased

efforts to stop the spread in our northwestern counties," Pritzker said in a news release.

The region includes the northwest part of the state from the Rockford area to the western edge of Illinois, including Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside and Winnebago counties.

Added mitigations include closure of

bars and restaurants to indoor services, while those facilities in the region must now close to outdoor service at 11 p.m. until mitigations are lifted.

Meetings, social events and gatherings will be limited to the lesser of 25 guests or 25 percent of overall room capacity throughout the mitigation period, while party buses will not be allowed to operate. Gaming and casinos will close at 11 p.m.

and be limited to 25 percent of capacity.

The region must see its positivity rate decrease to 6.5 percent or lower for three straight days to see mitigations lifted.

If the positivity rate averages between 6.5 and 8 percent, the new mitigations will remain in place. If averages greater than or equal to 8 percent after 14 days, more stringent mitigations may be applied, according to the governor's office.

Region 4, which includes the Metro East area on the St. Louis border, saw its positivity rate tick up by one-tenth of a percentage point to 7.2 percent as of Saturday. That region must also fall below 6.5 percent and remain there for three days in order for added mitigations to be lifted.

Also Tuesday, the Illinois Department of Public Health announced another 1,362 cases of the virus and 23 more deaths in COVID-19-positive individuals.

The death total is now at 8,637 in Illinois, and there have been 291,001 confirmed cases among more than 5.5 million test results reported. There were 45,624 test results reported over the previous 24 hours, making for a one-day positivity rate of 3 percent, which brought the rolling seven-day average rate to 3.6 percent.

At the end of the day Monday, there were 1,535 people reported hospitalized with COVID-19 in Illinois, including 363 in intensive care unit beds and 151 on ventilators. Those numbers fluctuate considerably daily but have been trending slightly upward in recent weeks.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Bylaws must be adhered to, understood

The Student Body Government does a disservice to students by not following its constitution, bylaws and guidelines.

The recent elections protest on the Student Body President race is an example of the downfall of Eastern's student government as a respectable institution if they do not begin to function as proper representatives of Eastern students.

As Student Body President candidate Noor-Ul-Haash Khamisani has stated her intention to appeal the decision of the Elections Commission we do not know, nearly two months into the semester, who will be representing the student body.

Regardless of the outcome of the appeal, however, we at *The Daily Eastern News* do not believe the judgement of the Election Commission is in any way valid.

In more than one area of the governing documents of the Student Government it states that the Student Supreme Court is responsible for reviewing contested election results:

• "The Student Supreme Court shall be the court of final jurisdiction in all cases of contested elections/recalled elections, and "no confidence" votes for student government and constitutional referendums." (Student Government Constitution)

• "Alleged violations of the Election Rules will be subject to further review, investigation, and action by the EIU Student Supreme Court." (Election Guidelines, Violations of Election Guidelines)

The student body deserves better than representatives who use their own set of rules rather than the guidelines that have been used over several years.

We at *The Daily Eastern News* hope that in the near future we see the Student Government begin to follow its own rules and truly represent the student body. However, it's hard to represent the student body when you don't even know the processes by which you are supposed to operate.

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BY ZACH BERGER

Remote socialization isn't all bad

While the pandemic has physically separated us from others, it has forced everyone to connect in a different way: remotely.

While the sudden shift from in-person socialization to online was a hard one — one that millions, if not billions, of people grapple with to this day — a lot of users have had positive experiences.

A survey by Mozilla conducted in late April concluded that more than half of Americans are using video chat programs for work or socialization. Most of those Americans (85 percent) said they plan on using those programs after all COVID-19 lockdowns have ceased.

For many students, professors and employees, the preferred method may be D2L's Collaborate, Zoom or Microsoft Teams, for example.

Besides professional socialization in a quarantined world, users are also utilizing other video chat apps such as FaceTime or Skype.

In addition to that, Facebook has Messenger, which allows users to video chat as well.

According to the same survey, Zoom (66 percent), FaceTime (48 percent) and Facebook Messenger (31 percent) are the most popular platforms for video chat.

And of these different programs, 73 percent of people surveyed said they use them to socialize with family and/or friends.



Logan Raschke

In addition to these video chat platforms, people from different parts of the world have socialized in some unusual ways to coincide with quarantine guidelines.

According to Polygon, some gamers played the new-at-the-time Nintendo Switch game "Animal Crossing: New Horizons" for dates during the early months of the COVID-19 lockdowns.

As Polygon's Patricia Hernandez reported, one user said she "bought a console specifically for a 'New Horizons' date."

While face-to-face communication and interaction often reigns supreme regarding information comprehension between two or more people, it isn't fair to say remote socialization has no merits.

For one, it's obviously the safest way to communicate with others during a pandemic (so we really don't have much of a choice).

But it also can promote socialization in a less stressful environment for some individuals — especially people who find it difficult or stressful to communicate in person.

The sudden shift from in-person, well, everything, to remote has also forced a lot of people to adapt to online communication programs. In turn, these same users are indirectly learning how to communicate online because, let's face it, it's a very different world (the buffering icon is my worst nemesis).

In some ways, socializing remotely can help people save money too. Where people were going out shopping or spending money during lunch or dinner dates, now they have the option to connect via video chat and cook at home with friends on the other line.

While remote socialization isn't necessarily preferable to face-to-face communication, it certainly has its perks. It's fun to find new ways of connecting with friends and family online, and if it can save us all some money in the process, it's worth some praise until we can all safely go out together like we used to.

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I just want Trump's presidency to end

I am tired. I am tired of seeing our president in the news almost every day. President Trump always has something to say and something to do. I am unsure why the people of the United States are letting this man stay in office. I want a revolution. I want this man long gone and never seen again. Everything that has happened over the past four years is not okay and yet the White House let it happen. From sexual assault allegations to telling my people they are rapists and criminals to mocking a reporter with disabilities to so much more. I am in disbelief.

After seeing Trump's taxes, I cannot believe that I, a 21-year-old college student, have paid more taxes than my own president. I am so sick of this man doing whatever he wants. No one else can get away with so much stuff, it is ridiculous. If any other president did what President Trump has done, they would not be in the office. Trump has caused so much damage to this country by dividing our society.



Karina Delgado

I am nervous for November 2nd. I do not know who is going to win and what the outcome will be. I know I will be filled with anger and sadness if President Trump wins his second term. I do not know what will happen if he does not win. The president and his extreme supporters are not peaceful people. As President Trump stated he will not have a peaceful transition. We have seen what has happened in rallies with Trump's extreme sup-

porters. Who knows what will happen? I want this to come to an end. I want the hate and injustice to come to an end. I feel like I am in an experiment by being in a pandemic and social justice movement with a president who does not care about anything.

After everything that has happened, I cannot believe this man is still in the White House. Trump did not build the wall. Obamacare is still here. Our taxes did not get cut but went higher instead. The virus did not "go away without a vaccine." While many citizens are scraping money together and putting themselves at risk from COVID, Trump continues to play golf. There's been too many false promises. I am disappointed in the White House. I am disappointed with the system. I am disappointed with what this country has become.

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Outdoor rehearsal



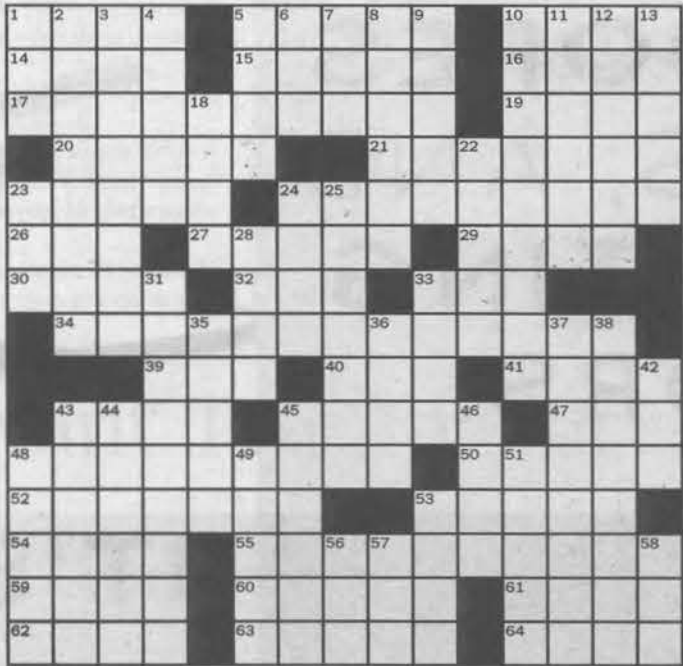
A group of Eastern music students participate in an outdoor rehearsal outside of Tarble Arts Center Tuesday afternoon.

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Grugier-Hill has big game for Miami

By Adam Tumino
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Former Eastern linebacker Kamu Grugier-Hill had one of the best games of his NFL career last Thursday when his Miami Dolphins played the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Hill recorded 8 total tackles, the second-highest total of his career after a 10-tackle performance in 2018 with the Philadelphia Eagles. He also tallied 6 solo tackles, tying a career high which he also set back in 2018.

Additionally, Grugier-Hill sacked Jaguars' quarterback Gardner Minshew to pick up the second sack of his career.

So far in the 2020 season, Grugier-Hill has appeared in all three games and has recorded 12 total tackles. If he were to play a full 16-game season in 2020, he is on pace to set a new career high in tackles with 64, eclipsing his previous high of 45 set in 2018.

In his career, Grugier-Hill has 110 total tackles, 12 tackles for loss, two sacks, two forced fumbles, one fumble recovery and one interception.

Grugier-Hill played at Eastern from 2012-2015, playing in every game but two during his tenure with the team. His Eastern career was punctuated with back-to-back first-team All-OVC selections as a junior and senior.

He was named OVC Defensive Player of the Week twice during his career at Eastern, once as a junior and once as a senior



Former Eastern linebacker Kamu Grugier-Hill covers a Tennessee Tech receiver down field in a game on Oct. 24, 2015. Grugier-Hill is currently a member of the Miami Dolphins and is in his fifth season in the NFL.

As a junior, he led the team with 97 tackles which ranked 10th in the OVC.

As a senior, Grugier-Hill finished third on the team with 70 tackles despite missing the final

two games of the regular season.

His 16.5 tackles for loss that season ranked 12th in the NCAA.

He was drafted the following year in the sixth round by the New England Patriots, but did not

make the roster, instead beginning his career with the Philadelphia Eagles. He was on the Eagles for the 2017 season when they won Super Bowl LII, the first championship in the history of the fran-

chise.

He signed a one-year contract with the Dolphins in March.

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Toppel looks ahead to possible final season

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Dane Toppel is the longest-tenured member of the Eastern baseball team. He is a graduate student this year and is entering perhaps his final season at Eastern this spring.

Toppel spoke with Eastern's athletic department about the past season for the Panthers and what lies ahead this semester and this upcoming season.

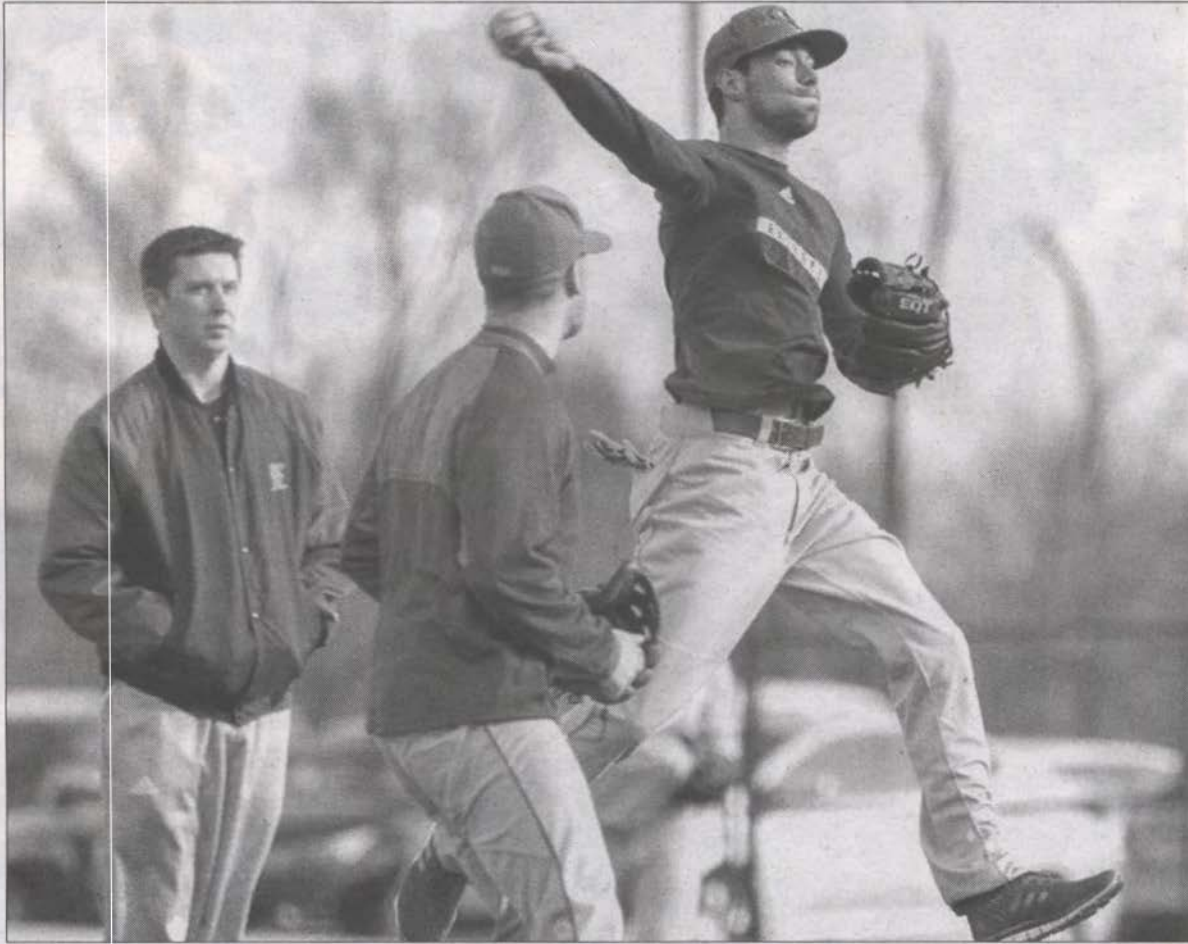
He said that he is happy to be back on the field after having the 2020 season cut short back in March.

"It feels great, after the abrupt end to our season last spring and the good start we got off to, it feels really great to get out here and be with the guys again," he said.

Toppel also said, despite the strong start the team got off to last season, they are trying to look ahead. Before the season was canceled in March, Eastern was 8-6 and riding a four-game winning streak.

"We try not to think about last year too much, just kind of keep your head down and focus in on this year," he said. "We've got a clean slate. We're off to a 0-0 start so it's really important to get the guys going again and see what we can do."

Another layer to this year for the Panthers is a larger roster than normal. After the season was canceled,



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Eastern baseball player Dane Toppel throws the ball to first base while head coach Jason Anderson looks on during a pre-season scrimmage in Feb. 2017.

many players elected to take advantage of an extra year of eligibility that became available.

Toppel said that the combination of veterans and young players

has created an interesting dynamic this fall.

"I've seen a good mix," he said. "It's a lot of veteran leadership coming in a lot of young talent."

It is pretty sweet to see these older guys take these young guys under their wing, and kind of help develop them along with the coaching staff we have here."

In particular, Toppel said there are a couple of players who he is looking forward to watching develop this year.

"I'm really excited to see what Trey Sweeney can do, a 6-foot-4 shortstop that can really swing the bat, so it's going to be fun watch him lead us," he said. "And also Dalton Doyle, look for him to have a big bounceback year after last year, so I'm looking forward to it."

Sweeney will be back this season for his redshirt-sophomore season after leading the team in hitting in his abbreviated sophomore campaign in 2020.

Sweeney started all 14 games last season, slashing .351/.439/.456 and leading the team in hits (20), extra-base hits (4), RBI (13) and total bases (26). He tied for the team lead with 8 runs scored and 1 home run.

Doyle also played in all 14 games, including 11 starts, last year as a junior. It was his first season with the Panthers after two seasons playing for Jefferson College in Missouri.

Doyle slashed .200/.256/.225 last season and recorded just one extra-base hit.

In his time at Jefferson College, especially as a freshman, Doyle was much more productive offensively, hitting .314 with 13 home runs and 66 RBI in 66 games.

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